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# THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ALTON.

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# ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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BARTON END,  
LENTEN STREET,  
ALTON, HANTS.

July, 1952.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.*

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1951 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District of Alton.

During the first six months of the year there was a severe epidemic of measles and during the last six months an epidemic of whooping cough.

There were very few cases of scarlet fever, and all were mild in character.

An outbreak of food poisoning occurred at Wield School and other schools were also implicated. The source of infection was traced to the dépôt where the food was supplied.

There were 7 cases of para-typhoid in the Headley and Grayshott District. The source of infection was outside my district.

I would commend to the Council for his able and conscientious work over the past 26 years their Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A. E. Bennett.

His share of responsibility for the undoubtedly improvement in the Sanitary conditions of the Rural District of Alton during this period has been very great.

My personal thanks are due to him for his continued assistance and co-operation in compiling this report and for his very valuable services during the years we have worked together.

I also wish to commend to the Council for their zeal and for the admirable way in which their work has been carried out their Assistant Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. J. H. Johnson and Mr. P. M. Walsh, and the staff.

I wish to express to them my grateful thanks for their unfailing assistance to me during a part of my period of office.

(Signed) H. CURRER WILLIAMS

*Medical Officer of Health.  
Alton Rural District Council.*

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA

**As at 31st December, 1951**

Area, in acres .. . . . .	65,526
Estimated population (civilian) .. . .	20,000
Total estimated population (including military)	22,920
Number of inhabited houses .. . . . .	6,048
Rateable value .. . . . .	£156,691
Product of a penny rate .. . . . .	£638

The district is situated in the extreme east of Hampshire and comprises 21 civil parishes.

On the east, it marches with the County boundary between Hampshire and Surrey and then, circling in round Bramshott, just touches the Sussex border in the south-east.

The River Wey rises from a considerable number of sources within the district and the River Rother begins its course below the hills in the extreme south.

Agriculture and the rural undertakings with which it is normally associated continue as the principal industries of the district.

The Parish of Whitehill includes the important military establishments of Bordon and Longmoor whilst the Parishes of Headley and Grayshott have become popular residential areas.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### **Births.**

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births (Legitimate) .. .	218	199	417	
(Illegitimate) .. .	18	16	34	
<b>Totals .. . . . .</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>451</b>	

Live birth rate per thousand total population .. .	..	19.7
Live birth rate per thousand civil population .. .	..	22.5
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population .. .	..	15.5

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Still Births (Legitimate) .. .	2	5	7	
(Illegitimate) .. .	1	0	1	
<b>Totals .. . . . .</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	

Still birth rate per thousand total population .. .	..	0.35
Still birth rate per thousand civil population .. .	..	0.40
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population .. .	..	0.36

### **Deaths.**

From all causes—	251	(of which 121 died outside the district)
Death rate per thousand total population	..	..
Death rate per thousand civil population	..	..
Average for England and Wales, per thousand total population	..	..

### **Maternal Mortality.**

From Puerperal sepsis	..	..	..	..	1
From other Puerperal causes	..	..	..	..	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per thousand (live and still) births	..	..	..	..	2.18
Average for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	0.79

### **Infantile Mortality.**

Deaths under one year of age	..	..	..	..	17
Infantile mortality rate per thousand live births	..	..	..	..	37.7
Average for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	29.6

### **Deaths from—**

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Cancer (all ages)	..	..	19	20
Measles (all ages)	..	..	0	0
Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	..	0	0
Diarrhoea (under two years)	..	2	0	2

Deaths over 70 years of age numbered 82 ; of these 69 were over 80 years and 9 were over 90 years of age.

### ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

	Diseases	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	3	0	3
2	Tuberculosis, other ..	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease ..	1	0	1
4	Diphtheria ..	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough ..	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections ..	0	0	0
7	Acute poliomyelitis ..	0	0	0
8	Measles ..	0	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	2	0	2
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	1	2	3
11	"    " lung, bronchus ..	5	1	6
12	"    " breast ..	0	5	5
13	"    " uterus ..	0	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	13	11	24
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	0	2	2
16	Diabetes ..	0	1	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	15	24	39
18	Coronary disease, angina ..	22	10	32
19	Hypertension with heart disease ..	0	7	7
20	Other heart diseases ..	23	17	40
21	Other circulatory disease ..	5	3	8
22	Influenza ..	4	4	8
23	Pneumonia ..	5	6	11
24	Bronchitis ..	3	2	5
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	3	4
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	5	0	5
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	4	0	4
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	1	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	1	0	1
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ..	0	1	1
31	Congenital malformations ..	1	0	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	14	14	28
33	Motor vehicle accidents ..	2	0	2
34	All other accidents ..	2	3	5
35	Suicide ..	1	0	1
36	Homicide and operations of war ..	0	0	0
All causes .. ..		134	117	251

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following is an analysis of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred during the year :—

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria .. .. ..	0	0	0
Enteric Fever .. .. ..	0	0	0
Measles .. .. ..	381	0	0
Para-typhoid .. .. ..	7	2	0
Pneumonia .. .. ..	17	0	11
Polioencephalitis .. .. ..	0	0	0
Puerperal pyrexia .. .. ..	1	1	1
Scarlet fever .. .. ..	17	8	0
Whooping cough .. .. ..	106	0	0
Poliomyelitis .. .. ..	0	0	0

Note: Only certain forms of pneumonia are notifiable.

Analysis of notified cases according to age groups :—

Age group	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Under 1 .. .. ..	7	0	6
1-2 .. .. ..	31	1	8
2-3 .. .. ..	34	0	14
3-4 .. .. ..	51	1	12
4-5 .. .. ..	47	0	10
5-10 .. .. ..	171	10	45
10-15 .. .. ..	25	4	8
15-20 .. .. ..	8	1	0
20 and over .. .. ..	7	0	3
Totals .. .. ..	381	17	106

### Tuberculosis.

No action was necessary during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

The following table indicates the incidence of the disease and deaths during the year from tuberculosis.

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5 . . .	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 . . .	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25 . . .	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
25—35 . . .	5	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
35—45 . . .	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55 . . .	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 . . .	2	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals . . .	10	11	2	1	3	—	—	—

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year, 530 immunisations against diphtheria were carried out as follows :—

Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year		Total number of children who were given a secondary or reinforcing injection (subsequent to complete full course) during the year.	
Age at date of final injection.		Total	
Under 5	5—14		
141	21	162	368

The Ministry of Health recommend that all children be immunised against diphtheria before their first birthday, preferably at the age of seven or eight months. Also that they should be given a reinforcing injection just after entering school.

### Prevention of Blindness.

During the year no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

### Scabies.

There were no cases of scabies during the year.

## PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulances for infectious diseases and other cases (non-infectious, accident and maternity) are stationed at Alton.

### Child Welfare.

Centres for children under the age of 5 years are available as follows :—

CENTRE	ADDRESS	AVAILABILITY (per month)
Alton	Assembly Rooms	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Bentley	Memorial Hall	3rd Thursday
Binsted	Institute	4th Wednesday
Grayshott	Village Hall	Every Friday
Headley	Hilland	2nd and 4th Fridays
Kingsley	Ockham House	3rd Friday
Selborne	Village Hall	2nd Wednesday
Whitehill	Men's Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays

All centres are held in the afternoons at 2 p.m. except at Grayshott which is held at 2.45 p.m.

### Day Nursery.

A day nursery is available at the Manor House, Alton, providing accommodation for approximately 20 children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. The nursery is well used and there is a waiting list for accommodation.

### Hospitals.

There are no hospitals in the district but the following are available :—

The General Hospital, Alton.

The Inwood Cottage Hospital, Alton.

The Isolation Hospital, Alton.

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

## **Home Help Service.**

A scheme of domestic help is available in cases of emergency, the district coming under the Basingstoke District Organiser, at the Home Help Office, Market Chambers, Church Street, Basingstoke.

## **Laboratory Facilities.**

Bacteriological examinations of clinical matter (sputum, swabs, etc.) and of water, milk and foodstuffs are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Chemical analyses of water, sewage, milk and other samples are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

## **Midwifery and Home Nursing.**

These services are administered as follows :—

DISTRICT SERVED	NURSE	SERVICE GIVEN
Alton Chawton E. & W. Worldham Farringdon	Miss D. R. HULL, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, 4 Edward Road, Alton.  Mrs. M. COOMBES, S.R.N., Hillcrest, Windmill Hill, Alton.	Midwifery only  General nursing only
Medstead Bentworth Shalden Lasham Four Marks Wield	Mrs. G. M. KIMBER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., GAS/AIR, 3 Green Stile, Medstead	Midwifery and general
Headley Down Grayshott Barford, Hearn	Miss M. A. CUFF, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, School Road, Grayshott	ditto
Whitehill Bordon Longmoor Hollywater	Miss. M. H. WOODWARD, S.R.N., S.C.M., 31, Savile Crescent, Bordon	ditto
Ropley West Tisted East Tisted	Miss J. A. JOHNSON, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Kingsley, Church Lane, Ropley	ditto
Selborne Hartley Mauditt Oakhanger Blackmoor Newton Valence	Mrs. R. MORGAN, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, Selborne	ditto

DISTRICT SERVED	NURSE	SERVICE GIVEN
Headley, Arford Deadwater Lindford Wishanger Standford Kingsley	MISS J. E. BRAMIDGE, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, 57 Church Fields, Headley	Midwifery and general
Bentley Froyle Binsted	MRS. A. GRIFFITHS, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., 10 Babs Field, Bentley	ditto

Qualifications : S.R.N.—State Registered Nurse  
 S.C.M.—State Certified Midwife  
 Q.N.—Queens Nurse  
 GAS/AIR—Gas and air analgesia certificate

### School Health Services.

Clinics are held as follows :

Verminous cleansing	General Hospital, Alton.
Scabies	Isolation Hospital, Alton.
Orthopaedic	Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.
Ear, nose and throat	Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.
Dental	At Schools
Ophthalmic and orthoptic	Trafalgar House, Winchester.
Child guidance	Health Centre, Winchester.
Speech therapy	Health Centre, Winchester.

### Tuberculosis.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester, whilst sanatoria are available at Bishopstoke, Chandlers Ford, Liphook and Alton (Morland Hall and Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital).

### Venereal Diseases.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester.

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND BUILDING SURVEYOR

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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water.

There are piped main supplies in every parish of the district as follows :

#### *Wey Valley Water Co.*

Bentley	Binsted	Chawton
East Tisted	Farringdon	Four Marks
Froyle	Grayshott	Headley
Kingsley	Newton Valence	Ropley
Selborne	Whitehill	Worldham

#### *Mid-Wessex Water Co.*

Bentworth	Lasham	Medstead
Shalden	Wield	

#### *Private estate supply.*

West Tisted

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Extensions of main supplies were completed during the year in the Parishes of Worldham, Bentley and Whitehill.

The mains supplies in the area have been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity throughout the year. Samples are regularly taken for analysis by the Water Undertakers themselves.

Other domestic supplies in the district are from wells, springs and underground rain water storage tanks.

Particulars as to the number of properties and population served in each parish are as follows :—

Parish	Area, acres	No. of houses	No. of houses supplied			Population supplied		
			Direct	By stand pipe	Total	Direct	By stand pipe	Total
Bentley ..	2483	251	228	—	228	820	—	820
Bentworth ..	3763	193	153	—	153	550	—	550
Binsted ..	7799	520	307	—	307	1100	—	1100
Chawton ..	2194	148	88	—	88	315	—	315
East Tisted ..	2621	64	32	—	32	115	—	115
Farringdon ..	2105	160	114	—	114	410	—	410
Four Marks ..	1502	411	170	—	170	610	—	610
Froyle ..	4641	210	194	—	194	700	—	700
Grayshtott ..	901	455	440	—	440	1580	—	1580
Headley ..	4771	849	683	—	683	2460	—	2460
Kingsley ..	1540	127	74	—	74	265	—	265
Lasham ..	1797	53	48	—	48	170	—	170
Medstead ..	2809	436	198	—	198	710	—	710
Newton Valence ..	2069	75	25	—	25	90	—	90
Ropley ..	3704	412	136	—	136	490	—	490
Selborne ..	4830	372	268	—	268	965	—	965
Shalden ..	2160	110	88	—	88	315	—	315
West Tisted ..	2354	54	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whitehill ..	5509	954	660	—	660	2375	—	2375
Wield ..	2104	67	56	—	56	200	—	200
Worldham ..	3868	127	99	—	99	355	—	355
Totals ..	65526	6048	4061	—	4061	14595	—	14595

## **Sewerage.**

Part of the Parish of Bentley is sewered, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation.

A scheme for the sewerage of the greater part of the Parish of Whitehill is proceeding under contract, discharge being into treatment works at Lindford. The temporary housing site of 50 prefabricated bungalows at Lindford and the permanent housing site of 186 houses (132 completed and occupied during the year) at Alexandra Park, Bordon, are connected to the sewer. In addition there were 38 private connections made.

Schemes for the sewerering of the parishes of Headley and Grayshott have been approved, whilst schemes have been prepared for areas of other parishes.

The larger Council Housing Estates where sewers are not available are provided with estate treatment works.

## **Drainage.**

There has been an increased tendency to instal domestic drainage systems, *i.e.*, cesspools and septic tanks, to serve individual properties.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Refuse Collection.

A general scheme of full refuse collection throughout the district is in operation.

Weekly collections of refuse and salvage are made in the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill, the remainder of the district being served fortnightly.

Disposal is by means of controlled tipping. Refuse from Bordon Camp is also disposed of at the Council's tip at Bordon.

### Salvage.

Collection of waste paper has been maintained and the quantity sold during the year amounted to 70 tons 17cwts. 0qtrs.

### Cesspool Emptying.

Cesspools and septic tanks were emptied throughout the district upon application as follows :

Private properties	..	..	..	1041 loads
Council and requisitioned properties	..	..	..	424 loads
Total	..	..	..	1465 loads

### Nightsoil Collection.

Further extensions in the areas collected were made during the year and collections are made in defined areas of the various parishes as follows :—

*Twice weekly* Grayshott, Whitehill, Chawton, Farringdon, Selborne (village), Headley (Arford).

*Once weekly* Bentley, Froyle, Bentworth, Shalden, Lasham, Medstead, Wield, Ropley, East Tisted, Newton Valence, Binsted, Kingsley, Worldham, Headley (Standford), Selborne (Oakhanger & Blackmoor).

**Note**—All Public Cleansing work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and staff.

## **HOUSING ACTS, 1936 to 1949**

	No. of Houses	No. of persons displaced
Houses demolished as a result of formal procedure (Section II)	3	8
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by owners and still in force (Section II)	2	11
Demolition orders made but not enforced (Section II)	3	
Houses made fit as a result of informal notices preliminary to formal procedure under Sections 9 to 12	18	

## **RURAL HOUSING**

The Housing Act, 1949, which received the Royal Assent on the 30th July, 1949, makes provision, inter alia, for Local Authorities to make grants to private owners for the improvement of private dwellings, provided that the dwellings after improvement comply with specified conditions and standard.

One application made by a private owner under the provisions of the Act was approved during the year.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

All home killed meat delivered to the shops in the district came from Government controlled slaughterhouses situated outside the district.

Regular inspections of food shops and stores were carried out during the year and the following foodstuffs were surrendered for condemnation :—

Home killed meat	..	37 $\frac{3}{4}$	lbs.
Flour	..	3	lbs.
Cheese	..	5	lbs.
Fats	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	lb.
Meat	..	61	tins
Milk	..	52	tins
Vegetables	..	105	tins
Fish	..	11	tins
Fruit	..	61	tins
Soup	..	18	tins.
Sundry foods	..	56	jars., etc.
Chocolate	..	46	bars
Cake	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	lb.

## Milk and Dairies.

Under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1949, regulations were made by the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Fisheries and Food whereby the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries became responsible for the registration of dairy farms and dairy farmers and for the execution and enforcement of the regulations on same, whilst local authorities retained responsibility for the provisions applicable outside of dairy farms, for the provisions relating to diseases communicable to man and for the registration of dairies other than dairy farms and of dairymen other than dairy farmers.

Regulations were also made regarding designated milk. The County Council is the responsible authority as regards producers but have delegated to the District Council their powers as regards pasteurising and sterilising establishments of which however there are at present none in the district. Local authorities under these regulations are responsible for the provisions covering premises other than those at which milk is produced.

## **Ice Cream.**

There is one wholesale manufacturer in the district and 8 samples were taken for analysis during the year with the following results :

### Methylene Blue Test.

<i>Provisional grade</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
No. of samples ..	7	0	1	0

The provisional grades are based on the time taken to reduce the colour of a standard methylene blue solution. The results of examination of many samples suggest that the methylene blue reduction test is a good indicator of general bacterial contamination and a fairly good indicator of excretal contamination. The use of this test and the definition of the grades should be regarded as provisional only, subject to a trial.

It is suggested that it would be unwise to pay too much attention to the result of any one sample, but that throughout the year samples should be expected to fall into provisional grades as follows : Grade I, 50%; Grades I and II, 80%; Grade III, not more than 20%; Grade IV, nil.

The samples taken during the year show the following percentages :

<i>Provisional grade</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>I and II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>
Percentage of total ..	87.5	87.5	12.5	—

It will be seen that samples were well above the standard suggested.

## **Food Poisoning.**

There were 20 cases of food poisoning during the year being part of an outbreak connected with the Basingstoke School Meals depot, attributable to the probable infection of meat used for a " savoury mince " with salmonella organisms of the " Danysz " type.

The following indicates the extent of the outbreak as reported by the Medical Officer of Health, Basingstoke Borough Council—

- (a) Schools supplied by Cooking Depot .. 25
- (b) Schools reporting cases of illness .. 12
- (c) Children at (b) taking meals .. 929
- (d) Children affected by illness .. 346

In addition some of the staff at the Depot ate the same meal and were also affected.

## **Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938.**

Byelaws as above for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Practices and Conditions in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air were made by the Council, being confirmed by the Minister of Food on the 3rd day of June, 1950, coming into operation on 10th July, 1950.

Routine inspections of food premises were made and advisory action taken to bring about compliance with the Byelaws.

## **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47**

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention).

During the year the Council did not find it necessary to take action under the above Section.

## **MOVEABLE DWELLINGS**

During the year 12 licences were issued for moveable dwellings, making a total number of 70 licences in force at the end of the year.

Visits and inspections were made of all dwellings and sites to ensure maintenance in a sanitary condition.

## **HOP PICKERS ACCOMMODATION**

Special attention was given during the year to this type of accommodation.

The Council continued a system of refuse collection from the encampments in cases where growers provided proper receptacles.

There are in all 16 hop growers in 5 different parishes, providing 22 separate hatted encampments with, in addition, 7 tented encampments for travellers. These were all inspected both before and during occupation, involving a total of 108 camp visits.

## **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

In January, 1951, the Council appointed a Rodent operator who, during the year, carried out general inspections and treatments throughout the district as follows—

Number of premises inspected .. ..	3555
Number of premises treated .. ..	158

## BUILDING BYE LAWS & PLANNING

The total number of plans deposited with the Council during the year was 304 as follows :

1.	New dwellings .. . . . .	22
2.	Alterations and additions to existing dwellings .. .	36
3.	Conversions and adaptations to form dwellings .. .	9
4.	Domestic garages .. . . . .	29
5.	Domestic drainage .. . . . .	88
6.	Farm and other buildings .. . . . .	31
7.	Sheds and stores .. . . . .	16
8.	Planning only .. . . . .	73
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Total .. . . . .		
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		304

## BUILDING LICENSING

Building licences were issued during the year as follows :—

No. of licences	Nature of Works	Cost of Works
10	New dwellings .. . . . .	£16,150
5	Conversions and adaptations to form additional dwellings .. . .	£ 2,937
25	Alterations and improvements to dwellings .. . . . .	£ 8,296
52	Maintenance repairs to dwellings .. .	£ 6,987
25	Domestic drainage .. . . . .	£ 6,185
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117		£40,555
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Inspection of work under Building Licensing involved 63 visits in addition to any visits necessary under the Council's Building Bye Laws.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

The following particulars are those prescribed on the administration of the above Act.

Inspections for purposes as to health :—

Premises	Number on register	Number of inspections	Number of written notices
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. . . .	27	8	Nil
2. Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. . . .	12	6	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. . .	12	12	Nil

Cases in which defects were found :—Nil.

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